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- 11. (U) Econoff delivered reftel demarche August 25 to MFA Office Director for Humanitarian Intervention and Evaluation Christian Bernard. Points were also provided to MFA Development Office of Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction head Emmanuel Delloye. Christian confirmed that French assistance to date consisted of 15 million euros as part of a 50 million EU commitment announced August 1; the MFA organized ship "Cap Camarat" that delivered 1500 tons of humanitarian aid August 17, representing 3.5 million euros, 2.2 million of which were from the GOF; 15 Bailey bridges dispatched from Marseilles August 24; and GOF contributions to date to international agencies. These consist of two million euros for the World Food Program; and one million euros for the International Committee of the Red Cross; and one million euros for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.
- 12. (SBU) Christian hinted that additional efforts were under discussion that could be announced at Stockholm, but offered no details and made no promises. He said that future efforts would focus primarily on reconstruction rather than humanitarian aid. Post will report any further information we receive in advance of the Stockholm conference. Please visit Paris' Classified Website at: http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/paris/index.c fm

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